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Mr. Frank Carlucci
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Dear Frank:

I understand Bill Clothier spoke to you when you were in Philadelphia last week about the possibility of spending an evening with the Philadelphia Committee on Foreign Relations. Howard Petersen, whom you may remember you met in Lisbon is Chairman of this Committee, and I happen to be secretary. Both of us were delighted to learn of your interest in accepting an invitation from us and, therefore, this is merely to confirm Bill's discussion with you.

As you may know, our Committee is an affiliate of the Council of Foreign Relations. Our membership is composed of business, professional and academic leaders in the Philadelphia area. Our meetings are conducted in the same format as the Council, i.e. informal, round table discussions after the guest of honor makes some introductory comments for 20-25 minutes.

Our group meets at a central city club with cocktails beginning at 6:00 P.M. and dinner at 6:30 P.M. We always adjourn promptly at 9:00 P.M. which would allow you to return to Washington that evening if you wish to do so.

If it would fit your schedule, we would suggest a weekday evening convenient to you in December or sometime after the first of the year. You may not wish to commit yourself so far in advance and, unless I hear from you in the meantime, I shall mark my calendar to get in touch with you during the latter part of the autumn.

I should mention that our meeting is completely off-the-record but some of our visitors are interested in reaching a larger audience while they are in Philadelphia. We have an informal arrangement with the World Affairs Council whereby they sponsor luncheons or afternoon meetings open to their general membership and the press. In addition, the publisher and/or senior editors of the local newspapers are members of the Philadelphia Committee and they are always happy to invite our guests to private briefings or interviews with their editorial people.

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I might add that Richard Helms visited us when he was Director of the CIA in 1969, and he is scheduled to return this October at which time we expect his remarks will focus on his more recent career experiences in Iran and elsewhere. Mr. Colby also visited us shortly after his resignation in 1976. Naturally, we would be interested in your comments on current issues affecting the Agency, but we would hope your talk could also draw upon your broader career experiences.

We believe both Mr. Helms and Mr. Colby found the evening with our Committee to be stimulating and enjoyable, and we know our members, some of whom you undoubtedly know, would be eager to see you.

Sincerely yours,

Charles S. Ganoe

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cc: William Clothier

P.S. During the past year our Committee guests have included two other Princetonians of our era, Don Rumsfield and Hal Saunders.